

1 COUNTERING SPAM THAT USES DISGUISED CHARACTERS

2 Abstract of the Disclosure

3 Computer-implemented methods, apparatus, and computer-  
4 readable media for countering spam that disguises characters  
5 within an electronic message (1). A method embodiment of the  
6 present invention comprises locating (36) portions of an  
7 electronic message (1) where the difference between foreground  
8 color and background color is negligible; deleting (37) from the  
9 electronic message (1) foreground characters from said portions,  
10 to form a redacted electronic message; and forwarding (33) the  
11 redacted electronic message to a spam filter (23).  
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